

① v, u are arbitrarily selected

- we don't know if there is some w, z with $> x$ or $< x$ edge-disjoint paths
- However, we do know that at most, G must be x -edge-connected
- Since vertex connectivity is bounded above by edge connectivity, G is also at most x -connected

$$\boxed{K'(G) \leq x}$$

$$1 \leq \boxed{K(G) \leq K'(G) \leq x}$$

↑ as G is defined to be connected

② - We know that the number of edge-disjoint paths bounds our edge-connectivity

- We seek some minimum set of edge-disjoint paths for some u, v to get the edge-connectivity of G

Pseudo code:

Get Connectivity (Graph G)

minSize = ∞

for all $u \in V(G)$

for all $v \in V(G), v \neq u$

paths = getAllPaths(G, u, v)

if paths.size() < minSize

minSize = paths.size()

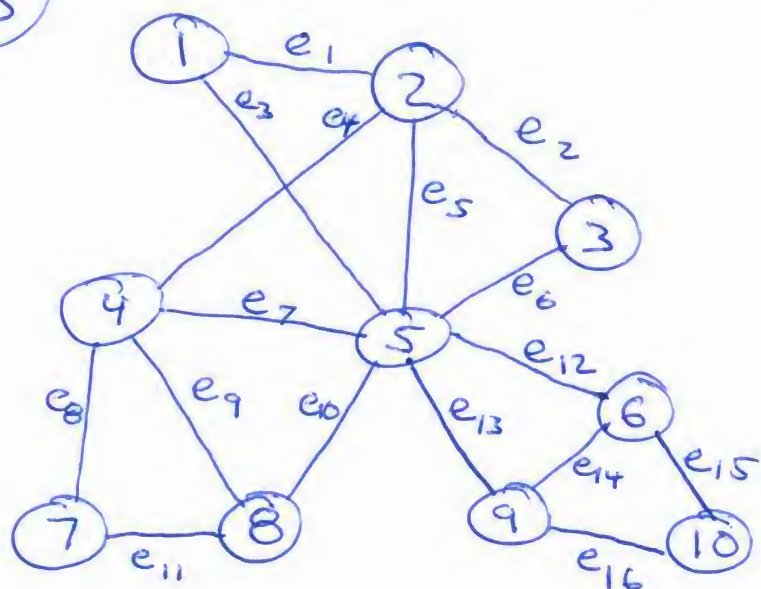
return minSize

$$\text{Complexity} = \underbrace{|V||V|}_{\text{nested loops}} \underbrace{(|V| + |E|)}_{\text{assumption for getAllPaths()}}$$

$$\approx O(n^3)$$

polynomial time

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- We observe that vertex 5 is a cut vertex, so no open-ear decomposition exists
- The graph is connected however, so we have $K(G) = 1$

Closed-ear decomposition:

$$P_0 = \{e_1, e_2, e_6, e_3\}$$

$$P_1 = \{e_{10}, e_{11}, e_8, e_4\}$$

$$P_2 = \{e_5\}$$

$$P_3 = \{e_7\}$$

$$P_4 = \{e_9\}$$

$$P_5 = \{e_{12}, e_{15}, e_{16}, e_{13}\}$$

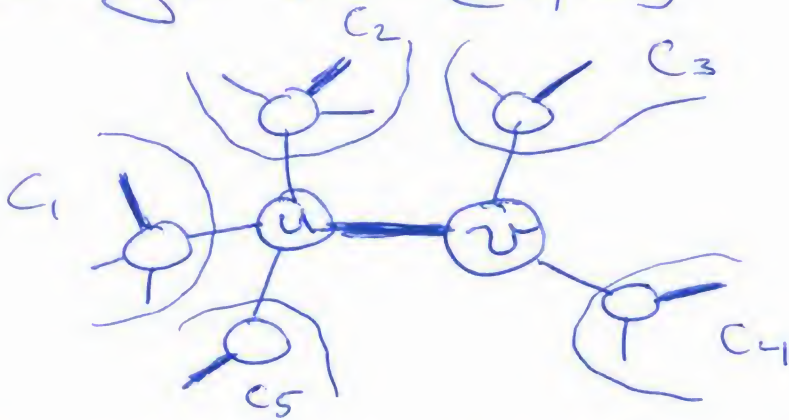
$$P_6 = \{e_{14}\}$$

- All ears open except for P_5

- G has a closed-ear decomposition, so G is 2-edge-connected

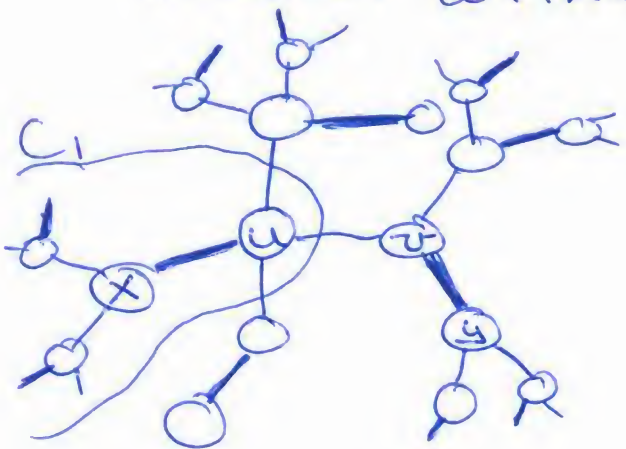
$$K'(G) = 2$$

- ④ - Consider graph G with perfect match M , and some matched edge $m = (u, v)$



- Removing vertices (u, v) will create $d(u) + d(v) - 2$ components, each with a perfect ^{match} and therefore even number of vertices

- If our match M is not unique, then for some such (u, v) there exists a match without (u, v) but with $m_1 = (u, x)$ and $m_2 = (v, y)$



- Consider $C_1 + u$, a component with a perfect match in $G - (u, v)$ where $x \in V(C_1)$

- As edge (u, x) now saturates x , we now have a subgraph of G with an odd number of vertices and can therefore not be perfectly matched.
 \square (contradiction)

⑤ $\forall v \in V(G): d(v)$ is even iff
 for all B_i , $\forall u \in V(B_i): d(u)$ is even,
 where B_i are maximal biconnected
 components

if $\forall B_i, \forall u \in V(B_i): d(u)$ even
 $\Rightarrow \forall v \in V(G): d(v)$ is even

- Obviously, for a $u \in B_i$ which are not articulation points, the degrees in a B_iCC and G will both be even
- For articulation points, their degree in G is the sum of degrees in each B_iCC , and a sum of even numbers will necessarily also be even

if $\forall v \in V(G): d(v)$ is even \Rightarrow
 $\forall B_i, \forall u \in V(B_i): d(u)$ is even

We'll do induction on the number
 of B_iCC s in G

Base: one $B_iCC \rightarrow$ obviously as $B_1 = G$
 then $\forall u \in V(B_1): d(u)$
 $= \forall v \in V(G): d(v)$

(5 cont.)

Hypothesis: For some $P(k) = H$ with k B.CCs and even degrees in H , all

B.CCs taken as subgraphs have even degrees

Step: We consider some $P(n) = G$ with $n > k$ B.CCs

- We create H by removing some B_i with at most one articulation point
- We invoke I.H. on H
- We consider adding B_i back into G to show our hypothesis holds

Case 1: B_i was disconnected from the rest of G , its removal didn't affect any degrees in H and its degrees in G and internal to itself are equal \rightarrow even

Case 2: B_i was connected to G through some articulation point a_i . By the degree sum formula it must have an even number of edges in B_i and also the rest of G . We invoke our I.H. on $G - B_i$. We then note that adding back B_i does not affect degrees in any other vertex except a_i , which we already know must be even.